

BLUES STILL LOOKING FOR FIRST WIN!

WYCOMBE were left still looking for their first win of the season following their 2-0 defeat at Sutton United on Saturday in the Berger Isthmian League.

At times Wycombe dictated play, but a goal on the break in the first half meant that they had to throw caution to the wind in the closing minutes to try and take a point.

This gave Sutton the opportunity to seal the match with their second goal in the fourth minute of injury time.

Paul West made his first team debut, preferred in

midfield to Steve Long who has now returned from holiday. West, who is the first player to move up from the reserves, settled in well, although on a couple of occasions he held on to the ball too long.

Although Wycombe spent much of the match in their opponents' half Sutton had their moments too. But they found Gary Lester in brilliant form.

Lester gave the crowd a taste of what was to come in the ninth minute when he managed to prevent Micky Cornwell from scoring as he ran onto a fine pass by Steve Rogers.

By MIKE ALLEN Sutton 2, Wycombe 0.

A minute later Gary Toll was pushed in the edge of the area, but the resulting free kick was put just wide by Howard Kennedy. Then Terry Glynn found his name going into the referee's book when he failed to retreat from a free kick on the edge of Wycombe's area.

Wycombe went straight up to the other end and Toll put the ball in the net. But the whistle went for off-side.

Then Tony Price saw a cross carried by the wind and scrape the far post. The ball was picked up by a Sutton player and from Graham Dennis it was passed down the left wing to Micky Joyce.

He went into the Blues' area and despite the attention of Birdseye and Lester, slipped the ball home to put Sutton into the lead.

Three minutes before the interval Lester pushed the ball round the post when Southam shot from outside the area.

Stretchered

In the 11th minute of the second half Dell, who until Saturday had not played in a Wycombe team to have been beaten in the Isthmian League, volleyed just wide from 20 yards. Soon afterwards Price was replaced by Steve Long.

Wycombe then had a series of corners, one of which ended with Keith Mead heading narrowly past the post. On the break Lester palmed over a Joyce header and then in the 26th minute Cornwell received an injury which resulted in him being stretchered off the field.

Challenged by Birdseye, Cornwell back headed a cross. It seemed that Birdseye accidentally hit Cornwell in the face with his elbow, depressing Cornwell's cheek bone. After a stoppage of about five minutes Cornwell was taken to hospital.

As time ran out Wycombe threw everybody in to attack. It nearly worked, when, from a free kick Mead saw his header hit a post.

Then Borg, who as in previous matches made some fine sorties into the opponents' half, was brought down within inches of the Sutton area.

But the free kick brought nothing, and Lester was forced to make another good save when Sutton broke. Then, in the fourth minute of injury time, Lester and Borg contrived to stop two shots between them before Parsons finally put the ball over the line, to sink any hopes Wycombe might have had of a point.

Sutton: D. Collyer, S. Rogers, B. Green, R. Wyatt, T. Rains, B. Southam, K. Waldon, M. Stephens, M. Joyce, M. Cornwell (sub. I. Parsons 71 mins), G. Dennis.

Wycombe: G. Lester, P. Birdseye, G. Borg, B. Davies, K. Mead, B. Dell, P. West, H. Kennedy, T. Glynn, G. Toll, T. Price (sub. S. Long 58 mins).

Referee: Mr G. J. Privett (New Malden).

Half-time 1-0. Sutton: **Scorers:** Joyce 36 mins, Parsons 94 mins.